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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel the existing claims 73-76 without prejudice or disclaimer to the underlying subject matter and add new claims 77-96 as follows:

-- 77. (Newly added) A video editing system comprising:

defining means for defining, responsive to at least one preestablished content category, at least one segment within a previously produced video;

descriptor means for assigning, responsive to the at least one preestablished content category, a descriptor to a defined segment;

information means for producing information, responsive to the defining and assigning, to enable a video device, by means of a random access and buffering, and responsive to a content preference, to edit-out at least one defined segment from the video, and to play, from within the video and without requiring an alternate video source, a continuous version of the video less in length than the length of the video.